WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sprinkler head vegetation shield, comprising,

a sloping wall defined by a single-piece curved plate;

a lip extending horizontally away from the wall along an upper perimeter thereof for supporting the shield adjacent a sprinkler head without attachment thereto; and

a notch located substantially near a lower perimeter of the sloping wall and configured to accommodate movement of the sprinkler head relative to the plate.

2. The sprinkler shield of claim 1, including a plurality of apertures spaced about the sloping wall.

3. The sprinkler shield of claim 2, including a plurality of mounting spikes extending through the apertures for securing the plate to a surface.

4. The sprinkler shield of claim 3, wherein each spike includes a head larger than the aperture to prevent movement of the plate past the head of the spike.

5. The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein the shield is at least partially circular, the notch is centrally located with respect to the shield, and the wall slopes inwardly towards the notch.

6. The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein portions of the wall on opposite sides of the notch extend a distance generally parallel to each other, defining an elongated slot with the notch at one end.

7. The sprinkler shield of claim 6, including an insert slidable into a groove surrounding the elongated slot.

8. The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein the shield is at least partially circular and the sloping wall is generally concave.

9. The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein the shield is at least partially circular, the notch is centrally located with respect to the shield, and the wall slopes outwardly from a center defined by the at least partially circular shield.

10. A sprinkler head vegetation shield, comprising,

a sloping wall defined by an at least partially circular, single-piece curved plate;

a lip extending horizontally away from the wall along an upper perimeter thereof for supporting the shield adjacent to a sprinkler head without attachment thereto;

a notch on the plate located substantially near a lower perimeter of the sloping wall towards a center of the shield to accommodate movement of the sprinkler head relative to the plate, the wall sloping inwardly towards the notch; and

a plurality of mounting spikes extending from the plate.

11. The sprinkler shield of claim 10, including a plurality of apertures spaced about the sloping wall; and the plurality of mounting spikes extend through the apertures for securing the plate to a surface.

12. The sprinkler shield of claim 11, wherein each spike includes a head larger than the aperture to prevent movement of the plate past the head of the spike.

13. The sprinkler shield of claim 10, wherein portions of the wall on opposite sides of the notch extend a distance generally parallel to each other, defining an elongated slot with the notch at one end thereof, the shield including an insert slidable into a groove surrounding the elongated slot.

14. A sprinkler head vegetation shield, comprising,

a concave inwardly sloping wall defined by an at least partially circular, single-piece curved plate;

a lip extending horizontally away from the wall along an upper perimeter thereof for supporting the shield adjacent to a sprinkler head without attachment thereto;

a centrally located notch on the plate located substantially near a lower perimeter of the sloping wall, portions of the wall on opposite sides of the notch extending a distance generally parallel to each other and defining an elongated slot with the notch at one end thereof configured to accommodate movement of the sprinkler head relative to the plate, the wall sloping inwardly towards the notch;

an insert slidable into a groove surrounding the elongated slot for adjusting the size and shape of the slot; and

a plurality of mounting spikes extending from the plate.